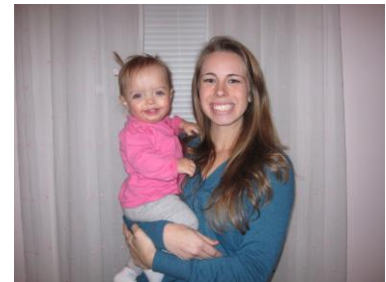




February 17, 2012



Amanda Ray in Engineering was blessed with the birth of her daughter Emma Kay Ray a year and a half ago. Emma was born with one kidney that is not functioning properly. In April she will undergo a kidney transplant thanks to her wonderful **Aunt Katelyn Pellowski** who is a match for Emma. **Brandi Johnson** from MIT is helping to organize a fundraising **spaghetti supper March 17** to help the family with medical expenses. The



supper will be held at **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 1106 Nashville Hwy in Columbia from 4:00 p.m til 9:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$7.00 each and you can purchase them from Brandi here at work. You can also go to <http://www.gofundme.com/ddl34> and learn more about Emma's story and make an online donation. An account has also been set up at First Farmers & Merchants Bank for the "Emma's Kidney, Katelyn's Love" benefit. Any questions, email Brandi at brandi.johnson@franklinton.gov.

Kudos to the **Water Management employees** who worked late and through the night on Tuesday repairing a water main break on Lewisburg Pike last night. The break



caused water outages to the Heath Place subdivision on Carnton affecting approximately 150 residents. Traffic was slowed to one lane and closed for a portion of the evening by TDOT to help our crews repair the line. Special thanks to **Randy Whidby, Jimmy Fitts, Hughston Bennett, Donald, Hartley, Ben Connor, Ben McNeil, Brandon Jones, Jake Bennett and JR Lee.**



Good news related to our **biggest sales tax month of the year**: The local sales tax remittance from the State of Tennessee for February was \$2,902,675 compared to \$2,670,491 for the same month in 2011, an **increase of \$232,184 or 8.7%**. [The February remittance is for sales tax collected during the month of December, representing the sixth month of the fiscal year on an accrual basis.] During the same period, the State of Tennessee sales tax collections were up 7.5%. Year-to-date, the City has received \$12.49

million compared to \$11.76 million in the previous year, a difference of \$736,392 or 6.3%. The State of Tennessee sales tax collections, year-to-date, were \$3.48 billion compared to \$3.26 billion in the prior year, a difference of \$213.1 million or 6.5%. For budget comparisons, the City anticipated collections of \$9.31 million for the first five months of the fiscal year. **Through December, the City is \$447,213 ahead of budgeted collections.** As a further comparison, the December collection of \$2.73 million compares to \$2.80 million in 2007, \$2.73 million in 2008, \$2.49 in 2009 and \$2.48 in 2010.

On February 15, 2012, the **Parks Department** hosted a two hour seminar on Pond/Lake Maintenance. Facilitated by Troy Goldsby of Aqua Services, Inc., topics included 1) Yearly Maintenance (2) Aquatic Vegetation Management (3) Permitting. Attendee's included the **Parks, Streets, Water Management and Engineering departments** as well as guests from Williamson County Government, Southern Land Co., Spectrum Properties and private landscape companies. *In the picture: "no, REALLY they did attend*



a pond/lake seminar! The picture on the screen is an example of a Grass Carp that is too large to keep in a pond and hope it eats the unwanted vegetation"

We have another good example of teamwork between departments to share with you. For almost a year **Building and Neighborhood Services** has been working with a homeowner, who for medical reasons, was unable to attend to his property and was in violation of City Code. Through the process, several departments worked with **Community Housing Partnership** and members of the **faith based community** to clean up the property and restore the home to habitable conditions. The **Solid Waste Department and Streets Department** made several trips to the property to clean up vegetation and stormwater issues. Today the home has a fresh coat of paint and presents an inviting addition to the neighborhood. This is an example of how a property, if maintained correctly, can provide a positive image for the surrounding community.

Shelly Anderson of Utility Billing is this week's winner for the Mayor's parking space. Shelly was nominated along with Ana Lopez by Christy McCandless. Christy said, "I received the nicest call from a customer both of you helped by the name of Joy Daniel. I really appreciate both of you going the extra mile to assist her. She was most appreciative and complementary of you both. Great Job! Voice Message: I just think it's awesome they are not like other utilities and worked to protect my interests. You have great people there. She goes above and beyond whenever I need help. Very prompt in her time of response. I can't thank her enough for being a Team Player." **Shelly can begin parking in the Mayor's spot Monday February 20.** Ana's name will remain in the basket for another time. **Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at agoodjob@franklntn.gov.**

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